

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2020
Autumn Term Issue 9

Dear Parent and Carer,

I hope you are well and keeping safe. A very short message from me this week.

COVID UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who is adhering to the stricter new guidelines and rules. We continue to monitor announcements and developments from central government but at this moment in time I do not have any real updates to share with you. Children in school, appear not to be phased in the slightest by adults wearing face coverings in communal areas etc, which is very reassuring for us.

Our rolling out of hot school meals has been a great success. Next week, KS2 will also be able to order meals from the school menu, however they will still have to eat their meals in the classroom. Hopefully, as the weeks and months roll by, we will be in a better place to accommodate them in the school hall too.

A special personal thank you Finn and Isabella M, who laid the school wreath on our behalf on Remembrance Sunday. Thank you.

On a completely different note, the likelihood of residential school trips taking place later this year is still very much hanging in the balance. Rest assured we are working on contingency plans to ensure that children do not miss out and I will keep you updated nearer the time. On a similar theme, Christmas will of course be different this year, but we are planning to make it special, magical and memorable for all the children. You will see in the newsletter that Father Christmas might not make it into the school building this year, so we are fully supporting him in a different way this year. I do have a sneaky suspicion that Father Christmas will be popping in to see me sometime soon, so please assure your children that we are still very much in contact with him.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Kind regards
Kieran Walsh

Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a Lannergram this week:

Y1: Leo A, Jack L, Ellie N
Y2: Scarlett H, Morgan S, Max T
Y3: Peran H, Charlie R, Esme W
Y4: Kaden C, Isaac D, Madison M
Y5: Lara B, Johnny L, Macy P
Y6: Piran A, Liam B, Arlo T

Attendance Cup

The attendance cup was awarded to **Year 1 & 3** this week for their attendance.

The Attendance this week -

Group	% Attend
Year 1	100.0
Year 2	98.2
Year 3	100.0
Year 4	96.7
Year 5	98.7
Year 6	97.3
Totals	98.4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A big happy birthday from all the staff, to the following pupils who have a birthday this week!!

YR -
Y1 -
Y2 -
Y3 - Amelia G, Max M
Y4 -
Y5 -
Y6 - Rosie B, Hector J

Father Christmas

Sadly Len has been diagnosed with Lung Cancer, Len has a longstanding history of raising money for charity.

Len has grown his beard and dressed up as Santa for the last 30 years - visiting children in schools throughout the county to keep the magic of Christmas alive whilst raising valuable funds for local charities, including the Merlin Centre, Children's Hospice South West, Cornwall Muscular Dystrophy and Cornwall Air Ambulance.

Len was diagnosed with lung cancer earlier this year and is currently undergoing treatment, however it hasn't stopped him wanting to continue his lifetime's work of raising money for charity and this year his sponsored shave is in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Please follow the link below to donate on the Just Giving Page.



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cornish-santa-shave>

Year 6

Well done to Seb (Y6) who won an Amazon Fire Tablet by taking part in the Virtual Transition Competition with Redruth School.



Notice: Lanner School distributes flyers and magazines offering family services or posts details of local activities on the newsletter. Whilst we think that parents might like the information and find it useful, the school does not necessarily endorse these services.

Dinners

KS2 pupils will be moving to the hot menu from Monday 16th Nov. All existing bookings will be removed, please rebook using the Autumn Term (2) menu on School Gateway.

Gooseberry Planet



Gooseberry Alert No. 57

Loot Boxes – Harmless fun or an introduction to gambling?

You are welcome to share your **Gooseberry Alert** with students, staff and parents. All that we ask in return and in the spirit of modelling positive digital citizenship is that you acknowledge 'Gooseberry Planet Limited' as the source of your advice.

Gooseberry Student



Exploring the topic:

- Do you know what loot boxes are?
- Have you ever been really lucky with loot box contents?
- Have you spent money on loot boxes only to be disappointed in the contents?
- Do you find loot boxes or other in-game purchases hard to resist?
- Do you feel pressure from friends to make purchases?
- Have you ever run up a bigger bill than you intended to?
- Do you think there should be more protection for children from loot boxes?
- Do you think there are fairer ways for in-game purchases to be offered?

Gooseberry Teacher

The government has put out a call for evidence from parents and over 16's about their views on loot boxes in online games.

In game purchases are common in many online games and, in the case of loot boxes, players are encouraged to spend money (either real or virtual) on random items – they don't know what the contents will be but, rather like gambling, they hope that they will be lucky enough to receive something desirable or valuable.

Some countries have banned loot boxes completely. The UK government is considering whether in-game spending should be regulated by UK gambling laws.

To give your views visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/loot-boxes-in-video-games-call-for-evidence>

See these Gooseberry Planet lessons: Playground Sc 9, Street Sc 6 and 9, Village Sc5, Town Sc10, City Sc9 for lessons about gaming, screen-time, PEGI ratings, gambling and other wellbeing issues.

Gooseberry Parent

Are you concerned about how much your child is spending or asking to spend on in-game purchases in online games? Are you concerned that they might act as a gateway to gambling? Do you think they should be restricted to over 18's or banned altogether? Now is your chance to give your views to the Government:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/loot-boxes-in-video-games-call-for-evidence>

All responses should be submitted by 22 November 2020.

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